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Pivot Point: America's Foreign Policy at Mid-Century Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum

West Branch, Iowa - On Saturday, July 28th at 1 PM, the Hoover Library-Museum will present a free symposium titled *Pivot Point*. This will feature three historians speaking on the significant change in America's foreign policy in the wake of World War II. Prior to this war, America was committed to a non-interventionism, reflecting America's geographic remove from Europe. After the war, America became the leader of the free world, providing the first lines of defense against Soviet expansion. Historians Justus Doenecke, Thomas Fleming and Patrick Hearden will explore this crucial pivot point in American foreign policy.

Thomas Fleming is a historian and historical novelist with a special interest in the American Revolution. As the senior scholar at the American Revolution Center, he has written numerous books about events and figures of that era. Fleming is a frequent consultant and commentator on C-Span, PBS and the History Channel. Fleming will speak on the partnership of Truman and Hoover.

Justus Doenecke, Professor Emeritus of History at the New College of Florida, has devoted much of his career to studying American foreign policy at mid-century. He has written several books and articles drawing upon research at the Hoover Library. Doenecke's *Storm on the Horizon: The Challenge to American Intervention, 1939-1941* won the Herbert Hoover Book Award. He will speak on Hoover's anti-interventionism.

Patrick Hearden is Professor Emeritus of History at Purdue University. Hearden's teaching and writing covered American diplomatic history across the 20th century. He has written about American entry into World War II, the Cold War and Vietnam. His talk will draw on his 2002 book *Architects of Globalism: Building a New World Order during World War II*.

This symposium is free and open to the public, to reserve your place or for more information please contact Matthew Schaefer at the Hoover Museum, 319-643-5301 or Matthew.Schaefer@nara.gov. The Hoover Museum is located in West Branch, Iowa at Exit 254.

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